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CITIZENS OF CARVER:

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year, together with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THOMAS COBB, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash on hand March 10th, 1877	\$2,942 46
received from town of Wareham, in aid of F. A. Pratt	101 96
received from H. A. Bradford, for license to peddle	6 00
received from E. O. Bliss, for license to ped- dle	6 00
received of A. G. Ashley, for license to ped- dle	6 00
received of N. N. Bradford, for license to ped- dle	6 00
received of Wm. L. Randall, for license to peddle	6 00
received from Chas. A. Perkins, for license to peddle	6 00
received from Geo. B. Fuller, for license to peddle	6 00
received from Plymouth National bank loan " " " " " "	500 00 400 00
received from Andrew M. Bumpus, on note of E. P. Bumpus	12 90
received from sale of herrings	67
received from State Treasurer, corporation tax	517 50
received from State Treasurer, National bank tax	593 28
received from State Treasurer, on State aid account	606 67

received from State Treasurer, State school fund	223 26
received from County Treasurer, from dog licenses	133 28
received from Daniel Bumpus estate	111 50
received from rent of town farm	9 00
received from taxes	4,831 77
received from interest on taxes	74 25
Total receipts	<u>\$11,100 50</u>

The Treasurer is credited with payments on the several accounts, as follows :

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Paid for support of schools	\$2,044 74
support of poor	1,941 06
repair of highways	1,286 60
repair of bridges	48 13
repair of school-houses	14 08
State aid to soldiers and families	504 16
State tax	495 00
County tax	653 33
Money borrowed of Plymouth bank	900 00
Miscellaneous town expenses	746 05
Abatement on taxes	17 38
Cash on hand March 10th, 1878	2,449 97
	<u>11,100 50</u>

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and Expenditures connected with the town schools the past year :

Undrawn balance of 1876	\$1,170 64
Appropriation of 1877	1,200 00
Income from State school fund	223 26
Income from license of dogs	133 28
	<u>\$2,727 18</u>
Paid the several schools	\$2,044 74
Balance undrawn	682 44
	<u>\$2,727 18</u>

BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of Bridges the past year :

Unexpended balance from 1876	\$48 59
Appropriation of 1877	50 00
	<u>\$98 59</u>

Paid repair of bridges in District No. 4	\$7 72
Paid repair of bridges in District No. 5	10 50
Paid repair of bridges in District No. 7	2 16
Paid repair of bridges in District No. 8	18 32
Paid repair of bridges in District No. 14	9 43
Total expense of bridges	48 13
Balance unexpended	50 46

\$98 59

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repairs of Highways the past year:

Balance from 1876	\$99 12
Appropriation of 1877	1,300 00
	<hr/> \$1,399 12

Paid Surveyor, District No. 1	\$70 43
Surveyor, District No. 2	67 97
Surveyor, District No. 3	74 72
Surveyor, District No. 4	69 52
Surveyor, District No. 5	97 53
Surveyor, District No. 6	62 50
Surveyor, District No. 7	57 25
Surveyor, District No. 8	72 02
Surveyor, District No. 9	
Surveyor, District No. 10	250 56
Surveyor, District No. 11	118 62
Surveyor, District No. 12	61 75
Surveyor, District No. 13	70 50
Surveyor, District No. 14	136 66
Surveyor, District No. 15	76 57

Total amount expended \$1,286 60

Balance undrawn 112 52

\$1,399 12

Amount due Highway Districts, as follows:

District No. 1	\$7 55
" " 2	
" " 3	2 04
" " 4	9 98
" " 5	
" " 6	10 86
" " 7	15 02
" " 8	
" " 9	19 51
" " 10	12 69
" " 11	91

District No. 12	77	
" " 13	25 14	
" " 14	3 17	
" " 15	4 89	
	<hr/>	\$112 52

POOR.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of Poor the past year :

Appropriation of 1877	\$1,600 00	
Received from town of Wareham, in aid of F. A. Pratt	101 96	
Received from Daniel Bumpus estate	111 50	
Received from Andrew Bumpus, on note of E. P. Bumpus	12 90	
Received from pasturage of town farm	9 00	
Deficiency unappropriated	105 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,941 06
Paid for support of Foster Shaw	\$75 00	
" " Lucy Chace	56 00	
" " Willard Sears	57 83	
" " Edwin F. Webster	104 00	
" " William Pratt family	258 28	
" " Louisa Benson	106 75	
" " Waitstill Atwood	54 85	
" " Mrs. Isaac D. Vail	127 18	
" " Daniel Bumpus	45 00	
" " Martha A. Bumpus	42 59	
" " Mary J. Bumpus	72 50	
" " Mary Bumpus	34 82	
" " Barney Lucas	44 92	
" " Edmund Stringer	25 20	
" " Emma Bent	49 00	
" " Lucy Frieze	96 00	
" " Benjamin Wrightington	30 06	
" " Henry Wrightington, and sister	70 50	
" " Barton Fuller, and mother	58 62	
" " Poor at almshouse	401 31	
" " Tramps at almshouse	130 65	
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Total expense of Poor		\$1,941 06

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of school-houses the past year :

Balance from appropriation of 1876	\$52 60	
Appropriation of 1877	<hr/>	
		\$52 60

Paid repair of school-house No. 1	\$3 25
" " 2	6 90
" " 3	69
" " 4	2 20
" " 5	—
" " 6	—
" " 8	1 04
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Total expended	\$14 08
Balance unexpended	38 52
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52 63

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THE PAST YEAR.

RECEIPTS.

Pedler's licenses	\$42 00
Corporation tax	517 50
National Bank tax	593 28
Interest on taxes	74 25
From sale of herrings	67
From Plymouth National Bank	900 00

 \$2,127 70

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer, and Collector's commission, 1876 . . .	\$149 45
Collector's bill, printing, stationery and postage, . .	8 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as town clerk, '76 .	35 00
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1876 . . .	56 45
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as one of Se- lectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1876. . . .	36 00
E. D. Shaw, services and expenses as one of Se- lectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1876. . . .	26 00
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1876. . . .	8 02
T. M. Southworth, services as member School Committee, 1876	15 60
Ansel B. Ward, services as member of School Committee, 1876	11 00
Thomas Cobb, returning deaths, 1876.	2 25
E. W. Shaw, returning deaths, 1876	1 00
Jas. M. Coombs, printing Town Reports, 1877. . .	27 93
Jas. M. Coombs, printing School Reports, 1877. . .	12 60
Everett Robinson, counsel in Pratt case.	13 00
Andrew Griffith, assessing taxes, 1877	20 00
H. A. Lucas, assessing taxes, 1877	16 25
E. D. Shaw, assessing taxes, 1877	18 75
Eli Southworth, damage to carriage on highway . .	5 00

Samuel N. Gould, alleged damages upon highway	40 00
For school books furnished children unable to pay	7 28
For Collector's and Surveyor's books	1 91
For clearing highway from snow, Dist. No. 1 .	3 89
" " " " " 2 .	9 57
" " " " " 3 .	17 90
" " " " " 4 .	9 20
" " " " " 5 .	14 80
" " " " " 7 .	3 00
" " " " " 9 .	12 45
" " " " " 10 .	2 87
" " " " " 8 .	1 72
For Voter's Register,	80
S. F. McFarlin, surveying highway location . . .	1 00
Additional expenses of fire in N. Meadows . . .	43 00
For printing election law, and tramp permits . .	2 50
Expense of erecting and furnishing tramp house, .	71 73
For stove and cooking utensils for Almshouse .	24 75
Int. on money borrowed of Plymouth N. Bank	15 38
Abatement on taxes,	17 38

Total miscellaneous town expenses	\$763 43
Paid money borrowed of Plymouth N. Bank	900 00
Transferred from Bank tax to Poor account,	444 87
Balance unexpended	19 40
	<hr/> \$2,127 70

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid Marcia A. Manter	\$51 60
Daniel Dunham	72 00
A. H. Barrows	48 00
Mary Dunham	48 00
Huldah McFarlin	48 00
Nancy S. Pratt	48 00
Caroline W. Pratt	48 00
Abby H. Eddy	48 00
W. W. Pearson	36 00
Nathan S. Gibbs	33 40
Benj. F. Fuller	6 00
Joseph Harvey	12 00
Rebecca J. White	5 16
Total paid out during the year	\$504 16
Paid on former accounts	700 67
	<hr/> \$1,204 83
Received from State Treasurer	\$606 67
Still due	598 16
	<hr/> \$1,204 83

ABATEMENTS ON TAXES.

J. Bartlett Dunham, tax 1875	\$3 08
Andrew Stringer, "	2 00
Willis T. Shurtleff, "	2 90
Charles Vaughan, "	2 00
Lewis Thomas, "	90
Charles Vaughan, tax 1876	2 00
Andrew Stringer, "	2 00
A. Foster Washburn, "	1 50
Thomas Gibbs, tax 1877	1 00
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Total abatements	\$17 38

STATE TAX.

Amount assessed as required by Warrant	\$495 00
Paid State Treasurer amount of tax	495 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Amount assessed as required by Warrant	\$653 32
Paid Comty Treasurer amount of tax	653 32
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LIABILITIES.

The liabilities of the town are nearly as follows :	
Treasurer and Collector's commission, 1877, unpaid	\$154 25
Collector's bill for printing, stationery and postage, unpaid	8 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, unpaid	35 00
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, unpaid	52 91
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as one of Selectmen, and Overseers of Poor, unpaid	28 00
E. D. Shaw, services and expenses as one of Selectmen, and Overseers of Poor, unpaid	24 00
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, unpaid	11 70
A. E. Tillson, services as member of School Committee, 1877, unpaid	14 00
A. B. Ward, services as member of School Committee, 1877, unpaid	20 00
W. W. Livingston, services as member of School Committee, 1874, unpaid	9 63
School appropriation, balance undrawn	682 44
Highway appropriation, balance undrawn	112 52
Bridge appropriation, balance undrawn	50 46

School-house appropriation, balance undrawn	38 52
Estimated Poor bills, unsettled	100 00
All other demands against the town, estimated	200 00
Total estimated liabilities	<u>\$1,541 43</u>

ASSETS AVAILABLE.

Cash in treasury, March 10, 1878	\$2,449 97
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1874	6 44
" " " 1875	55 19
" " " 1876	204 66
" " " 1877	1,235 20
Due from State for aid paid soldiers and families	598 16
Due from Mary Bumpus estate	149 91
Total available assets	<u>\$4,699 53</u>
Balance in favor of the town	3,158 10

ASSETS NOT AVAILABLE.

Town Farm	\$700 00
Personal property in the house	100 00
No. 1 school-house and lot	950 00
No. 2 school-house and lot	625 00
No. 3 school-house and lot	760 00
No. 4 school-house and lot	1,000 00
No. 5 school-house and lot	950 00
No. 6 school-house and lot	700 00
No. 8 school-house and lot	800 00
	<u>\$6,585 00</u>

PRATT FUND—H. A. Lucas, Trustee.

Given for support of schools, and invested as follows :

Wood lot near Darby's pond, appraised	\$100 00
Dunham field lot, appraised	125 00
Wood lot on Nod's brook, appraised	220 00
Deposit in Plymouth Savings Bank	1,060 00
Deposit in Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank	560 00
Note on E. & J. C. Barnes, Plymouth	210 00
Note on James Stone, Carver	210 00
One share Old Colony Railroad Co	93 00
	<u>\$2,578 00</u>

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION, 1877.

State tax	\$495 00
County tax	653 32
Support of schools	1,200 00
Support of Poor	1,155 13

Repair of highways	1,300 00
Repair of bridges	50 00
Total amount assessed	\$4,853 45
Valuation, \$544,160, at \$8.00 per \$1,000, gives	\$4,353 28
In assessment, fractions, gives	17
250 polls, at \$2.00 each, gives	500 00
	<hr/> \$4,853 45

TOWN VALUATION, 1877.

Real estate	\$348,295 00
Personal estate	195,865 00
	<hr/> \$544,160 00

RATE OF TAXATION AND STATISTICS.

Poll tax \$2 00. Rate per \$1,000. \$8.00.
 Number of polls taxed, 250.
 Number of houses taxed, 235.
 Number of horses taxed, 157.
 Number of cows taxed, 193.
 Number of sheep taxed, 58.
 Number of acres of land taxed, 18,979.

Names, ages, and place of settlement of the poor who have been fully or partially supported during the year :

Sally Dunham, Carver, 86 years.
 Patience Robbins, Carver, 72 years.
 Louisa Benson, Carver, 21 years.
 Edwin F. Webster, Carver, 40 years.
 Daniel Bumpus, Carver, 75 years. Died June 5, 1877.
 Waitstill Atwood, Carver, 40 years. Died March 31, 1877.
 Henry Wrightington, Carver, — years.
 Foster Shaw, Carver, 43 years.
 Barton Fuller, Carver, 28 years.
 Willard Sears, Carver, 68 years.
 Lucy Chace, Carver, 79 years. Died April 14, 1877.
 Emma Bent, Carver, 9 years.
 William Pratt, Carver, 39 years.
 Edmund Stringer, Carver, — years.
 Martha A. Bumpus, Carver, 53 years.
 Mary J. Bumpus, Carver, 44 years.
 Mary Bumpus, Carver, 80 years. Died Nov. 30, 1877.
 Barney Lucas, Carver, 55 years.
 Mrs. I. D. Vail, Carver, — years.
 Lucy Frieze, Carver, 76 years.
 Benjamin Wrightington, Carver, — years.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1878.

The following appropriations are called for to pay current expenses :

Support of schools	\$1,100 00
Support of Poor—regular	1,600 00
Support of Poor—deficiency	105 70
Repair of highways	1,300 00
New road—Wenham	200 00

All other income from various sources to be appropriated to pay miscellaneous town expenses.

SCHOOLS.

There stands to the credit of schools, an undrawn balance of \$682.44, with four yet in operation, the expense of which has only partially been paid. We recommend an appropriation of \$1,100, which, together with the State school fund, income from dog licenses, surplus, and income from Pratt Fund, ought to run our schools 8 months in the year.

It is not our purpose to criticise the action of the School Committee, nor underrate the value of a good education. But is there any reason why teachers should not have their salaries reduced 10 per cent., while mechanics and laborers have suffered a reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent.? There are many in town who are compelled to work for \$1.00 per day, to support a family and pay taxes, to be paid in salaries to teachers who receive from \$1.60 to \$2.00 per day.

Education we should have—bread we must have.

We leave the subject for the further consideration of taxpayers.

POOR.

It seems almost impossible to appropriate money enough to support our poor; the calls are so many that with the most economical system that we can devise, we fail to keep the expenses within the appropriation. We ask for \$1,600, again; also, that the deficiency the past year, of \$105.70, may be appropriated out of the surplus.

In justice to the friends of Daniel Bumpus, we will say, that he has been no expense to Carver; his property paid all his expenses.

Sally Dunham and Patience Robbins have been supported at the almshouse the whole year; Louisa Benson and child, 3 months; Willard Sears, 4 months.

TRAMPS.

During the year closed, four hundred and eighty-one tramps have been lodged and fed, a decrease of two hundred and thirty-three from last year. One hundred and ninety-one have cost us 35 cts. each, and two hundred and ninety, 22 cts. each. Whether it was the tramp-house, or some other unknown cause, that has operated to save us about 55 per cent., we are unable to say.

HIGHWAYS.

The usual appropriation, \$1,300, is deemed ample for the repair of highways. An appropriation will be necessary, should that piece of road straightened and relocated, upon petition of B. Hammond and others, be worked the present year.

BRIDGES AND SCHOOL-HOUSES.

No appropriation is called for this time, for repair of bridges or school-houses.

RATE OF TAXATION, 1878.

If our estimates are not disturbed, it will be necessary to assess \$3,550 of the amount appropriated, and as it is thought that our State and County taxes, taken as a whole, will be about the same, it is probable we may be able to keep the rate of taxation in 1878, the same as 1877.

By reference to our liabilities and assets, when compared with last year, we stand financially about the same, still having a balance of upwards of *three thousand dollars* standing in favor of the town.

In conclusion, we will say, that nothing has occurred the past year to disturb that steadiness aimed at in the management of our financial affairs, and that in a very few towns during these restless times of business depression, are the poor better cared for, or lighter burdens imposed upon tax-payers.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors,</i>
HORATIO A. LUCAS,	
EBEN D. SHAW,	
	} <i>Overseers of Poor,</i>
	} <i>of Carver.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT
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OF THE
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FOR THE
Year Ending March, 1878.

Report of the Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

April 11. George W. Thomas and Louisa J. Cornell, both of Carver.

August 1. Samuel J. Sparrow, of Middleboro, and Emma J. Ward, of Carver.

August 31. James B. Tillson, of Middleboro, and Jerusha W. Cushman of Carver.

October 20. Job C. Chandler, Jr., and Sylvia C. Dunham, both of Carver.

December 13. Thomas Swift, of Middleboro, and Lucretia McFarlin, of Carver.

SUMMARY.

Whole number of births,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Whole number of deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Whole number of marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

PELEG MCFARLIN,

Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1877.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		DISEASE.	PARENTS.
		Yrs.	Mos. Days.		
March 1,	Harriet E. Bates,	31		Consumption,	Benjamin and Lydia Harlow.
" 12,	Hannah C. Southworth,	34	5	Inflammation,	Perez and Joanna Smith.
" 14,	F. M. Shurtleff,		15	Canker,	R. F. and H. F. Shurtleff.
" 18,	Everett T. Manter,	50	13	Phthisis,	Thomas and Naomi C. Manter.
" 31,	Waitstill M. Atwood,	40	7	Insanity,	Ebenezer and Waitstill Atwood.
April 20,	Winslow Pratt	71	11	Unknown,	Isaiah and Ruth Pratt.
" 11,	Harriet Peirce,	46		Consumption,	Caleb and Mary Lucas.
" 14,	Lacy Chase,	78	2	Consumption,	Ephraim and Keshiah Pratt.
May 31,	Sarah Pratt,	76	4	Congestion of the brain,	Thomas and Mary Barrows.
June 3,	Betsey W. Dunham,	73	4	Heart Disease,	Lothrop and Betsey Shurtleff.
" 5,	Daniel Bump,	75		Shock,	Daniel Bump.
July 7,	Peter Anderson,	67	1	Ravel complaint,	John and Jennie Anderson.
" 11,	Sarah S. Barrows,	37	1	Consumption,	Lothrop and Lucinda Barrows.
Sept. 7,	Herbert W. Chase,	1	5	Unknown,	Zenas R. and Sarah E. Chase.
" 9,	Charles H. Chase,	5	1	Diphtheria,	Zenas R. and Sarah E. Chase.
Nov. 18,	Jane Griffith,	73		Consumption,	Hezekiah and Lucy Cole.
" 30,	Mary Bumpus,	80	2	Disease of the brain,	James and Martha Lamstead.
Dec 31,	Vinnie M. Ransom,	1	2	Diphtheria,	Nathaniel M. and Sarah Ransom.

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting to be held on Monday, March 25, 1878, at one o'clock p. m.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of Schools, Poor, Repair of Highways, New Roads, and any other necessary purpose.

Art. 6. To see what pay the town will vote the Treasurer and Collector.

Art. 7. To see at what time the taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged on taxes unpaid after a certain date.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field drivers Town Pounds, the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary.

Art. 10. To see if the town will instruct the Herring Committee to enforce the law of 1877, in relation to the several mills on Weweantit river, letting sawdust down said stream. (By request.)

Given under our hands, at Carver, this thirteenth day of March, A. D., 1878.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} Selectmen
HORATIO A. LUCAS,	
EBEN D. SHAW,	
	} of
	} Carver.



